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CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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ENTRIES for the above, accompanied by the Entrance Fee of \$10, will be received up till 16th inst., by T. O. GRAY, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Club. Hongkong, February 11, 1907. 282

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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 14.—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Mark Lodge.
Goods per *Bendish* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Prinz Sigismund* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 15.—
9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong
Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.
Goods per *Sachsen* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Kunwang* undelivered after
4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

SATURDAY, February 16.—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, at the City Hall.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice
Co., Ltd., at Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s
Office.
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property
at Mr. Geo. H. Lamson's Sales
Room.

SUNDAY, February 17.—
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
THURSDAY, February 21.—
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
Transfer Books of China Fire Insurance
Co., Ltd., close from this date to 7th
March, inclusive.
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ance Co., Ltd., close from this date to
7th March, inclusive.

THE CHINA MAIL

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1907.

CONFORMITY TO CUSTOMS.

THE tendency to conform to usage and
custom amongst us is not confined to
any one race or nation. Britablers
in Hongkong each year, as certain
seasons revolve, will give themselves
up to the enjoyments of the hour, and
will without stint participate in the
passing excitement. At Christmas we
all keep Christmas. In February we
devote ourselves to horse-racing, and
each year will be but a repetition of
the past, with certain unimportant
changes. The Chinese naturally cling
to the past: they turn their backs upon
the usages of their fathers with extreme
reluctance. Hence it is that each feast
as it comes is celebrated with all the
gusto that the occasion demands. Chinese
New Year is perhaps the most
popular of all their seasons of relaxa-
tion, and demands more time to see it
through than do any of the others. Indeed
several days are supposed to be
necessary to recoup both body and mind
after the weariness that is likely to
wait upon the eager and feverish
excitement of the last two or three days
of the old year. The one custom that
stands out pre-eminent and conspicuous
at this time, is the paying of debts and
the paying of bills. Almost superhu-
man efforts are made, and the most
stringent pressure is brought to bear on
one another, in order that the accounts
of the year may be properly closed. In
the case of Europeans debts sometimes
remain over the old year, and no special
fuss is made, when it is known that
they are safe and that forgetfulness
perhaps would explain the omission of
payments. Not so with the Chinese.
They pursue one another with relentless
persistence, and eager anticipation, in
order that they may receive what is owing
to them, and again are pursued by
those to whom they owe money. As
most of the small shopkeepers have no
banking account, when things are right
a certain amount of cash should
remain over when all the liabilities
are met and the accounts closed. This
will form the capital with which
to start the New Year. If a balance
sheet could be made up at the close of
the old year, throughout the empire, it
could almost be known what silver the
business people of China possess. Then,
in every city of the empire of any pre-
tensions, on the last day of the old year
the streets will be choked with stalls,
on which every thing will be arranged
to attempt the task be arranged.
Foreigners have long been familiar with
the scenes in Canton and Hongkong,
and these are repeated throughout the
empire. Much money changes hands
on the last day of the old year. Many
believe that they will be "able to pick

up something cheap," and generally dis-
cover on the following morning that
bargains of this kind are apt to be de-
lusive, and that the curio purchased in
the glare of gaslight appeals to the
imagination and pleases the eye a little
less in the sunlight of the following day.
Still the delusion is maintained. It is
not primarily for foreigners that "China
New Year" exists, but for the Chinese
themselves. Though Queen's Road is
attractive, and many Europeans push
and elbow their way through crowds of
Chinese, the masses of people are much
denser in Eighteenth Ward Canton,
where the same show is arranged and
the same delusions are cherished. Every-
body desires to "get something cheap."
Tradition maintains that at China New
Year things are cheap and therefore the
crowds assemble. This season is a
golden season for pickpockets, and his
skilful fingers, as clever as those of the
Artful Dodger, generally secure some-
thing that will keep the wolf from the
door for some considerable time. Whilst
many people are quite aware of these
facts yet they continue to go out
possessed of valuables and doubt-
less to-night in Queen's Road and at
Bonham Strand, things will be as gay
as ever. The habit of pasting up mottoes
and distichs has come down from
ancient days and shows no sign
of being less popular than of oldtime.
Numbers of indigent scholars have,
during the last few days, been sitting
at street corners and in temple squares,
surrounded with specimens of their
calligraphic art. Comparatively few
Chinese are able to write these distichs
according to the accredited style of
flourish, and, hitherto, as far as we
know, no one has attempted to print
them. A few cash are given and the
motto or epigram, often not understood
by the buyer thereof, is taken away
and everybody is content. These mot-
toes vary in length and sentiment. The
most popular is that which expresses
the wish that "The five happinesses
may enter into the house." Among
business people a favourite motto is
"May wealthy customers ever crowd
this shop." These epigrams are almost
universally used, and no one, however
poor, with a shanty however squalid,
will venture to dispense with the bit of
red paper, with the four conspicuous
characters thereon at this season of the
year. Such strange departure from
established usage would indicate a mind
altogether unhinged, and on the borders
of rebellion against things that are. Hol-
iday-making must be done, and however
important the demands of the duty no
one will work on New Year's day if he
can help it. Relaxation is necessary
sometimes, for the refreshment both of
body and mind, but this thought is
not probably in the mind of the Chinese,
as throughout China they throw down
the implements of their daily toil. One
has a holiday and the second follows
suit, and so the custom has grown until
neither for love nor money will the
Chinese work on Chinese New Year's
day. Religious rites, too, form a con-
spicuous element in the relaxation of
the time, and so one of the deepest in-
stincts of the human heart is gratified.
Probably in no country in the world is
there such an absolute cessation from the
ordinary duties of life throughout so
large a country as in China at this season.
"Hard times" do not often seem to
modify the situation or lessen the desire
for show and extravagance among the
Chinese at this time. It is commonly
reported that the past year has not
brought them a mine of wealth, and
there is no doubt that there is some
truth in this rumour, though the "oldest
inhabitant" in China has yet to dis-
cover that Chinese shopkeepers have
had a good year. Notwithstanding the
unusual depression the show to-night
will, in all probability, be as well at-
tended as in former years; the deco-
rations will be as gaudy; and also the
crackers will be as noisy. However we
wish the Chinese a Happy New Year,
for in Hongkong the prosperity of the
Colony is closely connected with the
well-being of the Chinese, and their
success is ours.

KWANG TSUI'S THIRTY
SECOND YEAR.

Another year of Kwang Tsui's reign
closes to-day. In some respects the year
has been one that will be fruitful of results
for coming days. An innovation, pregnant
with possible results, was the sending forth
of several representative officials to inquire
into the working of the Government of
the "Great Powers." They went forth
last year but returned during the present
one. Although the public may not be
aware of any sudden drastic changes result-
ing from this tour, changes more or less
important are sure to follow. During the
year there has been one public examination
held in Peking, at which set competitors
who had studied in foreign universities,
and diplomas were awarded according to
results attained. Here again the im-
mediate results may appear small to
those whose eager minds would like to see
things done "in a hurry." But the innova-
tion has been made, and it will be the
forerunner of something much more ex-
tensive in the near future.

A definite step has been taken in order
to secure a successor for the throne. It is
well known that Kwang Tsui has no issue.
Several relatives of the Imperial family
have been taken into the palace, and set at
studies, in order that their abilities may be
tested, and their dispositions observed. It
is said that the most likely will be
selected to sit upon the Dragon throne.
If this is done, a widely divergent
path will be followed from that trodden in
the past, when intrigue was the order of
the day, and the astutest minds and the
cruellest hands often secured the post
for their own nominees. The fortunes
of Yuan Shih Kai have waxed and waned.
Jealousy of his great power and influence
has led to intrigues against him, and reports
have been published, at times, that he has
been shorn of some of his power. But the
year closes and leaves him probably the
most powerful subject of the Emperor,
whose local army might be all-powerful, if
he chose to launch it against the decadent
Manchus.

Imperial edicts have been issued notifi-
ying all and sundry that throughout the
empire no offices will in the future be sold
for money. Indeed the same edict orders
those who have received money, and given
promises to expectant officials, to return
the money and annul the promises, as both
are illegal.

In Manchuria, after the close of the
struggle with rifle and cannon, diplomacy
has had a wide field for employment, and
during the year, Russia, Japan, and China,
have all been at work arranging matters, so
that both victor and vanquished, as well as
the trembling by-stander, who anxiously
looked on, might, if not satisfied, be willing
to agree, in a situation that would not be
grossly unfair to any one of the parties.

Big floods have swept over large tracts
of country, and wrought much loss of life.
In Kwangtung, in the spring, large sweeps
of dykes were swept away, which even yet
have not all been replaced. Only in recent
days, appeals have come before Yui, the
Nam Hoi magistrate, requesting Imperial
assistance in building some of these broken
places. But in the South, the damage to
property and loss of life are small compared
with what happened in Kiang-nu. So
terrible was the havoc, and so disastrous to
life was the foundation, that starving
thousands marched into the big cities
pleading for food. A generous
response was made by the people of Shang-
hai to this appeal.

While excessive rains wrought havoc in
Kiang-su, in On Pa, famine carried off
many lives, and involved the population in
much misery. These disasters are not new
to China, and will continue to visit the
country and involve many people in suffer-
ing until railways are built, whereby food
can be imported to those who are starving.

Two disasters at least have befallen Euro-
peans. In July last the "Salsum" was
plundered and the Rev. Dr. Macdonald mur-
dered in cold blood. Some of the pirates
were afterwards brought to justice and
beheaded. At Nam Cheung there was an
outbreak which resulted in the
death of the District Magistrate, and
several priests. These outbreaks still
frequently occur, though they appear
to be decreasing year by year, and we
think it likely that, in the future, they
will be less frequent still.

Of rebellions the most noticeable is that
which broke out in Ping Hing Yuen. It,
however, came to naught and the rebels
fled in all directions. It was much less
formidable than the rebellion in Kwangsi
three years ago, and appears to have been
local and sporadic.

In Kwangtung, nearer home, changes
have occurred. In the beginning of the
year, the prominent Chinese Lai Kwok Lin,
who was imprisoned by Viceroy Sham for
disrespect to American visitors in Canton,
was released from prison, after a good deal
of friction with the influential classes. He was
regarded as a hero. Viceroy Chai Fu
has come to Canton, and seems to be a
vigorous and broad-minded official. One
or two incidents will at any rate show that
he is above petty jealousy. Last year the
students of the Christian College carried
off most of the prizes at the annual school
games in Canton. This year the Com-
mittee endeavoured to exclude the students
of this particular school. The Viceroy
however intervened, and crushed out such
narrow-minded jealousy. The other day
when the prizes were given to the
students at Dr. Mary Fulton's Medi-
cal College for Women, the Viceroy sent
three gold watches to be presented to
the successful students. These are
awards which show the way the
straw should fall. The officials have during
the year been perplexed by the necessity of
raising funds to meet the various calls upon
them. One new tax was, and is, a disgrace.
All brothels were compelled to pay a tax to

the Provincial Treasury, though efforts have
been made to annul this degrading impost.

In Canton itself vigorous efforts have been
introduced to suppress, or persuade the peo-
ple from, opium-smoking, and these efforts
appear to have been more or less successful.
The wrangle over the manipulation of
the funds of the Canton-Hankow railway
still continues, and at present the strife is
as bad as ever. Angry passions are gener-
ated, but the work is retarded. On the whole,
China, during the year, may be said to have
advanced, though it be but a little, and
there is little doubt that the old exclusion
is going, and that a better condition of
things is coming into view.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

To-morrow being Chinese New Year's
Day there will be no issue of the "China
Mail," and on Thursday the paper will be
issued early.

The Great Northern Telegraph Com-
pany notify that the chief Japanese
landlines are interrupted by snowstorms.

It has been decided to provide every
Japanese Division with machine guns. One
company will have two guns, making the
total number of guns possessed by all the
Divisions 1,600.

The Services in St. John's Cathedral
on Ash Wednesday (to-morrow) will be:
Holy Communion 8 a.m.; matins and
litany, 10.30 a.m.; communion service
and Holy Communion 11 a.m.; vespers
and address, 5.30 p.m.

We are requested to remind our
readers that "Facing the Music" will be
played by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic
Club on Friday, Saturday and Monday
nights. A strong cast has been secured,
as will be seen on referring to the adver-
tisement on the front page.

The American Consul-General, Mr
Wilder, tendered a tiffin to-day at the
Hongkong Hotel to the visiting Americans,
Mr. Richard C. Morse and Mr. John R.
Moit, who are promoting Y. M. C. A. in-
terests in the Far East. About 30 persons
were present.

A rumour was current in the share-
market of Tokyo on Jan. 23 to the effect
that Mr. Takahashi, Financial Com-
missioner, has succeeded in concluding a
loan of 50 million yen for the South Man-
churian Railway Co., as well as the new
Government loan amounting to 250 million
yen.

On the evening of Jan. 18, Mayor
Owaki invited about 100 gentlemen to a
dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, and
announced that the plan for the harbour
construction of Tokyo has been completed.

Mr. Naoki, an expert of the Financial
Department, and Vice-Admiral Kinosaki
delivered interesting speeches concerning
the enterprise.

Four coolies were prosecuted, at the
Magistracy this morning, by Mr. T. Dunn
(Superintendent of the Botanical and
Agro-forestry Department), for cutting
down trees in the New Territory. The
defendants had no license to cut timber
and were found on the hill side at Shing
chopping down young pine trees, probably
for fire wood. They were fined \$10 each.

The proposal to amalgamate the Yang-
tze steamship services of the Nippon Yusen,
Ozaka Shosen, Koniwa and Dato steamship
companies has been realised, and the new
company will be organized with a capital of
12 million yen. The steamers and other
property belonging to the four companies,
are to be valued at 8 million yen and the
remaining 4 million yen are to be obtained
by public subscriptions. The Government
will grant the new company an annual sub-
sidy of 800,000 yen for five years.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The London and South-Western Rail-
way Company are proposing the immediate
construction of a deep-water dock at
Southampton with accommodation for four
of the largest vessels afloat at one time at
every state of the tide.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that
the East Chinese Railway Company, which
lost so many steamers through the Russo-
Japanese war, has decided not to acquire
any more boats of its own, but to arrange
with Russian owners for the establish-
ment of a steamship service between
Vladivostok and Chinese and Japanese
ports.

A Warning.

A case that should act as a warning to
the owners of ferry launches was heard
at the Harbour Master's Court this morn-
ing, by Lieut. Beckwith, Harbour Master.

The complainant was Mr. F. F. Bovet, who
charged Fung Yat, master of the Yau-mai
ferry launch "Loe Yat," with failing to
observe the rules of the road for the
prevention of collisions at sea. Com-
plainant stated that at about 1 o'clock
yesterday his launch "Gretchen" was
off the Naval Torpedo Depot when the
Yau-mai ferry launch came across
his port bow at full speed. A col-
lision very nearly took place and was
only averted by complainant's command
altering his helm and going astern. The
Harbour Master, after hearing further
evidence, found the defendant guilty of
willful disobedience of the rules of the road,
whereby damage to life and property might
have been occasioned. He also found de-
fendant unfit to hold a master's certificate
and suspended his certificate for three
months, after which time he will have to
pass a fresh examination.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

MODUS VIVENDI WITH AMERICA.

A Formal Protest.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 11: The Premier of Newfoundland, in his address to the Legislature to-morrow, will move that a message be despatched to Lord Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, deploring the adoption of the modus vivendi without the sanction of the Colony.

The Premier in his message trusts that the arrangement will not be renewed next year and hopes that a clause will be inserted to the effect that any permanent arrangement must be ratified by the Colonial Legislature.

[BROTHER'S SERVICE.]

EXPLOSION ON TORPEDO BOAT.

LONDON, February 10: An explosion occurred in the engine room of a French torpedo-boat on a special trial, off L'Orient. Nine of the crew were killed.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

LONDON, February 10: Ireland beat England by 17 to 9.

ROYALTY IN PARIS.

LONDON, February 10: The King and Queen have returned to London. The visit to Paris was a great success in every way.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, February 10: Mr. Cortes, the Justice of Monterey, New Jersey, who was instrumental in capturing a gang of foreign law-breakers, has been blown to pieces in opening an infernal machine received by express. His son is seriously injured, and the office wrecked.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 10: The Tsar has ordered the issue of 4% State Rent for 1907, to meet the requirements of the famine, and other urgent extraordinary expenditure.

THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL QUESTION.

LONDON, February 10: President Roosevelt and Mr. McCall have again conferred with the Californian Congressmen, and it is stated that a mutual understanding was arrived at and that a satisfactory settlement would be reached.

CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, February 10: The Pope has rejected the proposals of M. Briand, objecting to the form of contract.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, February 10: It is announced that although Mr. Chamberlain has progressed favourably, he will not return to the House of Commons before Easter.

(By Courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.)

THE AMER OF AFGHANISTAN.

Joins the Freemasons.

LONDON, February 11: The Standard's correspondent in Calcutta states that the Amer of Afghanistan has been initiated a Freemason.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, February 11: Captain Troubridge, R.N., late Naval Attaché at Tokyo, has been appointed chief of the Staff of Vice-Admiral Drury, the new Commander in the Mediterranean.

THE CHINESE CUSTOMS.

LONDON, February 11: The Tribune states that Sir Robert Hart will leave China in a fortnight, for two years' leave, and is not expected to return. This action is the outcome of the position in which he is placed by the appointment in May last of two Chinese Commissioners over him.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, February 11: A sensation has been caused in Germany by the publication of some purloined electoral correspondence showing that the Navy League, always understood to be non-political, received Mks. 30,000 and other support from Prince Buelow and the Colonial Office for printing literature against the Centre.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ROOSEVELT'S MUNIFICENCE.

A THIRTY-MILLION GIFT.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, February 11: Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, the multi-millionaire, has unconditionally donated \$32,000,000 (gold) to the Board of General Education.

EPIDEMIC AT CHUNYU-CHENG.

TWO HUNDRED DEATHS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, February 11: An epidemic of lung sickness is raging in the Chunyu-cheng district of Kwang-tung.

Two hundred fatal cases have been reported.

THE BIDDLE CASE.

ACCUSED FOUND GUILTY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, February 11: C. A. Biddle, secretary and general manager of the Hotel Metropole Co., who was found guilty at the United States Court of obtaining money by false pretences, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

[It will be remembered that Biddle was accused of selling race-course tickets on the understanding that gambling would be allowed there.—Ed., C.M.]

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

EDICT APPROVES OF AGREEMENT.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, February 11: An Edict has been issued approving of the Canton-Kowloon railway agreement with the British Chinese Company.

[Through the courtesy of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., we were able to announce this on Saturday.—Ed., C.M.]

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The streets in the western part of the city, as is usual on Chinese New Year's Eve, were crowded to their utmost capacity to-day. Queen's Road, from the Central Market, and Bonham Strand, has again been converted into a huge bazaar where a thousand different articles are offered for sale.

Throughout the day business appeared to be good with the stall holders, and as afternoon wore on many European residents were included amongst the buyers. To-night and to-morrow the Chinese will hold high carnival and business will be entirely suspended.

ROBBERS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 11: The Chinese, or some of them, are complaining that on the mainland robbers and brigands are showing themselves specially active, and ferocious. It is well known that towards the close of his incumbency in Canton, Viceroy Shun was very determined in his efforts to run down and extirpate the many robbers about whom the people were complaining. He was more or less successful, for when the officials and their underlings are fully determined to get things put through in the Chinese way they are able to do so. At present there are complaints that robberies are more than usually prevalent, and that the robbers are more than usual daring. Of course this is generally what happens at this season of the year, for either by hook or by crook, money must be spent, and this money must be had. Therefore when there is no other way of getting hold of funds, robberies are undertaken as a satisfactory method. Whether Viceroy Shun is so busy getting the affairs of the railway straight and the revenues up to a satisfactory plane, that he cannot pay much attention to the doings of outlaws in the country cannot perhaps be known to the outsider. What is true is, that some of the Chinese are complaining of the general daring of robbers and the frequency with which robberies both of money and valuables, as well as the persons of the well-to-do are carried off by brigands, until quite a state of unrest is felt.

SPRAINS.

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THE TAIPO ROAD RACE.

The road race promoted by Mr. Marican of the Dragon Cycle Company takes place to-morrow. The event has aroused a great deal of interest amongst local cyclists and 16 very strong riders have entered. The race will start at 10 o'clock sharp on the level road opposite the Cosmopolitan Docks. The winner, barring accidents, will probably be back again under two hours, judging by the times that have already been accomplished. During the training L. Le Briton has lowered all previous records for the distance by covering it in 2 hrs. 3 mins. while O. Rahim was only one minute slower, and J. A. B. Alves a minute further away. The best times accomplished by the other competitors are:—L. Singh and J. Rosa Pereira 2 hrs. 7 mins., W. H. Robinson 2 hrs. 8 mins., H. C. Best 2 hrs. 9 mins., O. J. Poole 2 hrs. 10 mins., F. Rosa 2 hrs. 11 mins., A. E. Moynihan 2 hrs. 18 mins., H. Lowther and J. C. Pollock 2 hrs. 12 mins. and others various times up to two and a half hours.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

Half-Yearly Meeting.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, was held in the Company's office at noon, to-day. Mr. E. Goetz was in the chair and there were also present:—Messrs. O. Lenemann, C. Thiel, R. Shawan, W. A. Crickshank, F. Gomez, N. A. Sloth (directors), Dr. J. Noble, E. J. Moses, F. Ellis, H. A. Silva, P. C. Potts, G. de Champeaux and W. E. Clarke (secretary).

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen, please to meet! It is the painful duty of your Board to record the death of our late secretary, Mr. Thomas Arnold, who died very suddenly on October 20, last. Your directors regret that the holiday so well deserved, after such a long term of service in the Company, should have been thus quickly ended. The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days you will with your permission take them as read. Turning to the report we refer to the disastrous effects of the typhoon of September 15, in the total displacement of so many of the boats and the loss of the fleet which caused your directors much concern and anxiety. However, it is now our pleasant duty to say that all the company's vessels are in first class running order. The expense, as you will see by a perusal of the accounts, has been very great and in the forthcoming year you will have to face the cost of repairs and alterations to the steamer "Hongshan." Beyond this nothing exceptional need be noted at present. The working agreement between the China Navigation Company, Limited, and this Company was arranged at the close of the year when the old agreement expired and carries with it many advantages to the general combine. The two new vessels purchased for the Macao service, by which we hope to obtain a fairer share of the trade, besides offering better facilities to shippers and the travelling public, are also a very well, being more economical in coal consumption than the one steamer previously engaged on this line. The earnings of the Canton-Kowloon line have fallen off greatly during the period under review, the cause of which in the opinion of your directors is largely due to piracy and general want of security of life and property in the two provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The claims of the Company and the joint owners for consequential loss against the Chinese Government for the acts of piracy committed on board the steamer "Shan" have just last have we regret to say been rejected by the British Foreign Office. The claims for actual loss and for those of officers and crew are still unsettled. Further representations have been made with a view of reaching a final settlement. Turning to the accounts you will notice that as usual we have advanced the value of share investments held by the company in accordance with the quotations current at the end of the year. The large item of sundry debtors is explained by the fact that the amount of \$36,673.49 is for insurance premium for 1907, claims in course of collection and refund of insurance on steamers "Fatah" and "Tak Hing" which was not renewed. All properties mortgaged to the company have been surveyed and revealed by the company's surveyors, Messrs Palmer and Turner, and the loans show a satisfactory margin of safety. I do not think there is anything else that calls for particular comment, but should any shareholder require any further information I shall have much pleasure in answering any questions.

There being no question, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Dr. Noble seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Moses proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. O. Thiel as director. Mr. Potts seconded and the motion was carried.

Messrs. A. O'D. Gorman and W. Hutton Potts were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. Silva seconded by Mr. Ellis.

The Chairman announced that dividends were ready, and the meeting closed.

Surely entertaining men are meeting a scheme to organize a great company by amalgamating all the rice companies in Japan. It is stated that they have already obtained the promise of more than 160 members of the Diet to support the scheme.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPTAIN TILLET.

Captain Alexander Tillet, a very well-known local identity died very suddenly in the Hongkong Club last night. The deceased seemed as hale as usual yesterday and was about town during the forenoon and afternoon, and though he was an elderly man, being sixty-three years of age, there was nothing in his appearance yesterday to indicate that his end was so near.

He took his meals in the Club as a rule, and was seated at dinner last night at his usual table, when he was observed to fall from his chair on to the floor. He was at once picked up and conveyed to his room without delay, and medical aid was summoned. Captain Tillet rallied a little, but within half an hour passed away quietly, heart failure being the cause.

The deceased came to Hongkong many years ago. About fifteen years ago, he was in command of the "Empress of China," it being that vessel's maiden trip to the Colony. Altogether Captain Tillet completed two voyages in the "Empress of China," and was then appointed Marine Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, in Hongkong, a position which he retained until about three or four years ago, when he voluntarily resigned and retired from business altogether.

The news of his death created a profound impression among the business men of the Colony, among whom he was so well-known, and expressions of sympathy, mingled with surprise at the sudden death, were to be heard on all sides.

The funeral took place this morning at Happy Valley, being conducted by the Rev. F. T. Johnson and the Rev. J. H. France. The cortege was met at the monument by a number of prominent men of our business community, among whom were the following:—Messrs. D. W. Crook (Canadian Pacific Railway Company), Duncan Clark and F. C. Wilford (Lane, Crawford and Company), T. F. Hough (Hough and Hough), G. H. Grace (Hongkong Club), W. H. Gaskell, P. W. Edwards (E. E. A. and Co. Telegraph Company), A. G. Morris, J. Y. V. Vornes, F. Smyth and T. Hornby.

The troubles of Mr. Biddle still occupy the attention of Judge Willes and after a prolonged hearing he has definitely come to the conclusion that in not returning the money paid over by the Chinese who rented the building in Mohawk Road for gambling purposes at the last Race Meeting, he cheated and swindled the Chinese, with deliberate intent. That is very clear and emphatic, is it not? He was before ordered to return the money to the plaintiffs but he has not yet done so and his Lordship has agreed to postpone sentence until next Monday, because, as was suggested by the District Attorney, if the money were paid, although it would not mitigate the offence it might carry weight with the Court. The evidence of Mr. Jenner Hogg was the last straw which broke down Mr. Biddle's defence that he had no intention to defraud the Yik Chee Co. Mr. Hogg owns a plot of ground adjoining the Metropole which he has been in the habit of renting to Chinese during Race Meetings and on which they spent some very enjoyable hours of gambling. When he heard that gambling was not to be allowed this year, like an honourable man of business, he informed the Chinese and cancelled the agreement. Mr. Biddle did not look at all his usual confident self when the Judge addressed to him some personal questions as "do you call yourself an honest man." Whatever one's inward convictions may be as to one's own doubtful character, it is hard to be called upon to confess them openly and Mr. Biddle's chances of happiness in Shanghai are very poor indeed for the future. The statement that the contract was made on behalf of the Hotel Metropole did not bear very close scrutiny because the Company's books had no proof of such an item, except an entry which the Judge refused to recognize, inasmuch as the writing was different and there was evidence of a man's signature, and this circumstance was really more convincing proof than no mention at all.

Our new Municipal Bandmaster made his first important public bow on the occasion of the Concert of the Deutscher Konzertverein this week and we have returned it heartily because Herr Rudolf Buck has already convinced us he is perfectly capable of carrying out his duties and already the Town Band has considerably improved under his guidance. He acted as conductor at the German Concert and it is high praise to say that in the orchestral parts they have never been more successful. Herr Buck does not believe in his men remaining idle and has issued an enticing notice inviting you to hire his band or part of a band for private entertainments. In this an laudable attempt to induce the amateur to retire into family life! If so, all success to the famous bandmaster, but he will find his work difficult because if anyone in Shanghai has more confidence in himself than anyone else it is the amateur pianist or trifle with the violin. Perhaps to help him, if this be his desire, the Municipal Council have bravely come to his assistance, or, at all events, they have sanctioned an expenditure of £1, 2/6 for new instruments, which should improve the band and may well look to the bettering everything before them in our little musical world.

Mr. F. M. Goode, formerly Secretary of the Shanghai Electric and Asbestos Co., has been found guilty of forgery and embezzlement and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour. It was too clearly proved that during the course of the six months he was employed by this Company he had continuously carried on his dishonest practices and there was nothing left for the Judge but to pass sentence on him because the prisoner pleaded guilty to each charge. In a written statement to the Judge, Mr. Goode gave pathetic excuses for his actions—speculation and a woman. "The sheriff would keep on coming, and I was in debt when I first became Secretary," he said, "and I had to pay them or I would lose face, so I speculated." That is sad enough, but it is harder to think kindly of the woman who threatened to blackmail him if money was not forthcoming, and it is harder to think of a man who received money from him after his flight from Shanghai and then went back on him and revealed his whereabouts, we would dearly love to see her share his bitter punishment, but Mr. Goode does not reveal her name. Sir Haveland de Bunsen particularly drew upon the wise action of the Shanghai Electric and Asbestos Co. in bringing the matter into Court. He said the days were gone by when employers in Shanghai could forgive mistakes of their employees. Formerly we were such a small community, we all knew the black sheep and could dig out any of them, but this is not so now and it is the duty of firms to bring wrongdoers to book.

SHANGHAI IN PARAGRAPHS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 8.

Last Saturday's Paper Hunt was marred by a fatal accident to Mr. D. F. Pearce which threw a gloom over our large sporting circle and there was scarcely a member who took part in the Hunt that day who did not voice his sincere regret that the Hunt was carried to a finish when one of their comrades met his death in it. The unfortunate young man's pony slipped and fell at a jump almost at the commencement of the run but no one saw the spill and so he was left lying on the ground while the others eagerly followed paper. Some country folk found the unconscious rider and improvised a stretcher they lifted him with all care on to it and conveyed him to the Nanyang College where the ambulance was telephoned for and he was subsequently removed to the General Hospital.

In falling, the pony must have rolled on top of him and broken his back. The deceased was only twenty-five and was a keen sportsman and volunteer. He was employed by Messrs. Rodwell and Heath as a taster at Hankow, but during the slack season he was given work in the office of Messrs. Goode and Co. A volunteer funeral, with all its impressive ceremony, was accorded Mr. Pearce on Monday and men thought no shame because very now and then a tear would fall in sorrowful remembrance of so young and bright a life tragically cut short.

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THE WEEK'S RESULTS.

OPEN GRILL.—Take the legs and breast of a cold roast chicken and score them deeply. Prepare a sauce of one teaspoonful of fresh mustard, one teaspoonful of chopped capers, two small teaspoonfuls of salad oil and half an ounce of butter mixed well together. Fill the scores of the meat and rub a little of the mixture over the legs and breast. Grill before a clear fire.

CHEERY CHICKEN.—Cut some celery into short pieces and put it in a saucepan with sufficient water to cover. Simmer until quite tender. Add some grated cheese and some milk, a pinch of salt and pepper, and some flour to thicken. Roll up and serve very hot with toast.

AFRICANA AND RICE.—Boil some rice in milk until it is cooked and very thick. Put a layer of this in a pie dish, then a layer of minced apricots. Add another layer of rice on the top and bake until a golden colour. Serve with custard or whipped cream.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 12th at 12.5 p.m.—The barometer had fallen slightly on the China coast. Pressure is highest over Central China, and gradients are mostly slight.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

The Japanese returns are lacking. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. wind, fresh; fine at first, cloudy and misty later.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, fresh to moderate.

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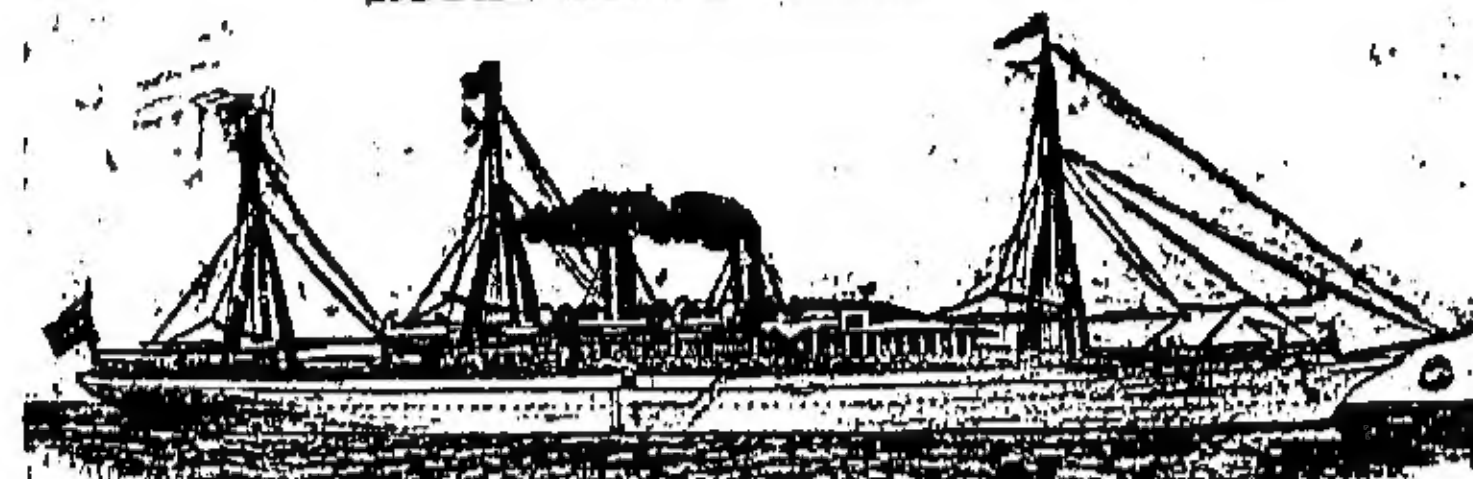
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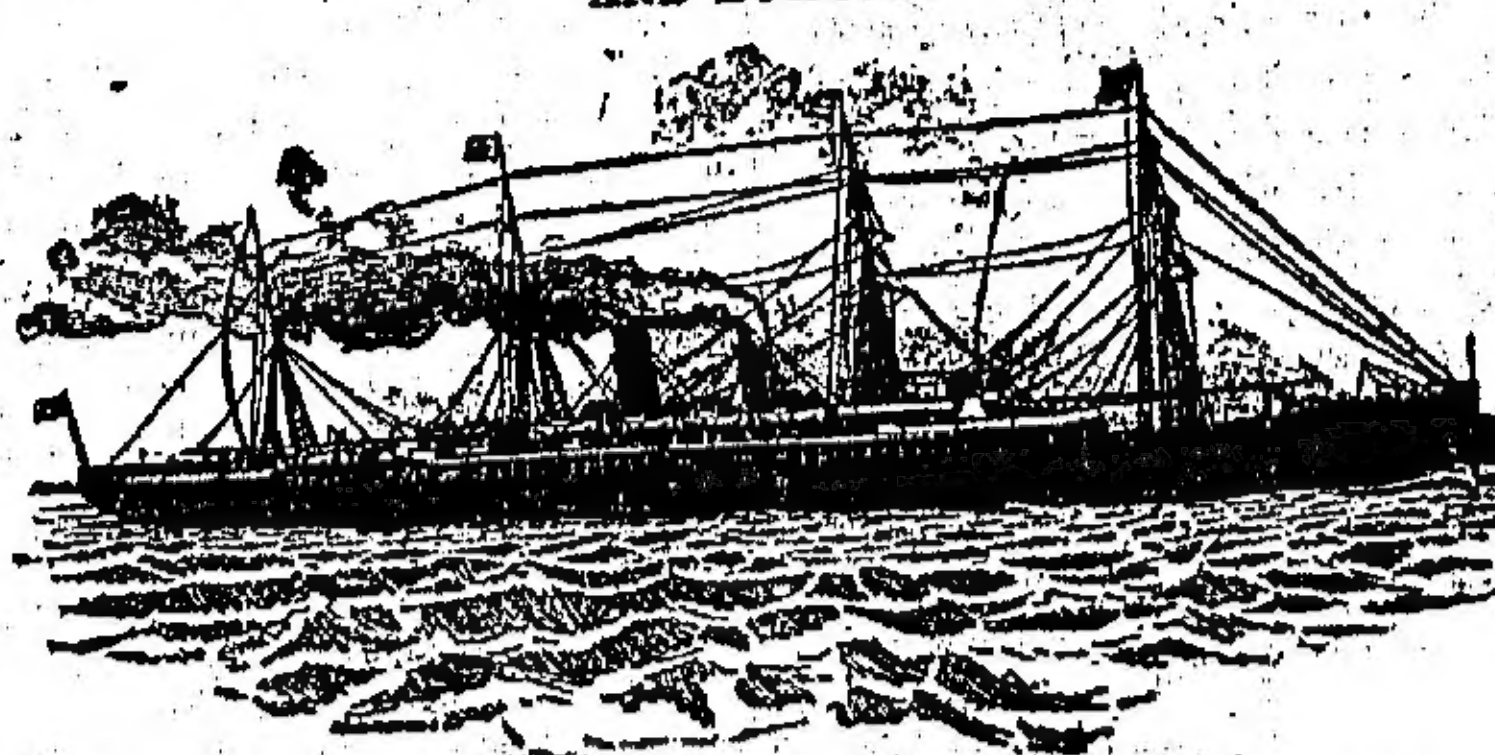
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* HONGKONG MARU.....	11,000 ".....	TUESDAY, 26th Feb., at Noon.	
* KOREA.....	18,000 ".....	SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., at Noon.	
* AMERICA MARU.....	11,000 ".....	SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., at Noon.	
* SIBERIA.....	18,000 ".....	TUESDAY, 2nd April, at Noon.	
* CHINA.....	10,000 ".....	TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.	
* MONGOLIA.....	10,000 ".....	SATURDAY, 16th April, at Noon.	
* NIPPON MARU.....	11,000 ".....	SATURDAY, 20th April, at Noon.	
DORIC.....	11,000 ".....	SATURDAY, 4th May, at Noon.	

RECORD FAST TRIPS.
Yokohama to San Francisco.....S.S. KOREA, 18,000 tons. September 16-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.
San Francisco to Honolulu.....S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons. August 16th-20th, 1905; 4 days, 10 hours.
San Francisco to Yokohama.....S.S. SIBERIA, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu en-route, August 16th-31st, 1905, 13 days, 13 hours.
Yokohama to San Francisco.....S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1905; 10 days, 10 hours and 29 minutes.

THE O. & O. Steamship DORIC will be despatched from Hongkong to SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (INLAND SEA), KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th February, 1907, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland and Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, PORTLAND, OREGON, via MANI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR

STEAMSHIP.	Tons.	CAPTAIN.	TO SAIL ON.
ARABIA.....	4483	MEYERSTEIN	Feb. 18, at 5 p.m.
ARAGONIA.....	6198	ERST	March 4.
NICOMEDIA.....	4970	G. MEYER	March 18.
NUMANTIA.....	4871	FEILDMANN	April 8.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
MANILA.....	TEAN	Feb. 19, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table, & fully qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, to Manila and Australian Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon amidships. Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captains.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO.....	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Saturday, Feb. 10, at Noon.
RUBY.....	2540	R. Almond	Manila	Saturday, Feb. 23, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG-NEW YORK.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(With LIBERTY to call at the MALABAR COAST.)

For Freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Shipping.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD—BREMEN.

EUROPEAN LINES.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, IORTHA, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG

STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGERS.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
ONEISENAU.....	WEDNESDAY, 13th Feb.
PREUSSEN.....	WEDNESDAY, 27th Feb.
PRINCESS ALICE.....	WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar.
PRINZ LUDWIG.....	WEDNESDAY, 27th Mar.
PRINZ RECHT LUTFOLD.....	WEDNESDAY, 10th April.
PRINZ KETEL FRIEDRICH.....	WEDNESDAY, 24th April.
PRINZ HEINRICH.....	WEDNESDAY, 8th May.
SCHARNHORST.....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd May.
ROON.....	WEDNESDAY, 5th June.
	WEDNESDAY, 19th June.
	WEDNESDAY, 3rd July.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of February, 1907, at Noon, the Steamship ONEISENAU, Captain Boze, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on Monday, the 11th February, and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 12th February, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on Tuesday, the 12th February.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Lines can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

TO	1st CLASS	2nd CLASS	3rd CLASS
To Naples, Genoa and Gibraltar.....	\$31.0.0.	\$22.0.0.	\$22.0.0.
To Southampton, London, Bremen and Hamburg.....	\$55.0.0.	\$44.0.0.	\$24.0.0.
To New York, via Suez, Via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar.....	\$115.0.0.	\$78.0.0.	\$47.0.0.
To Bremen or Southampton.....	\$88.0.0.	\$48.0.0.	\$27.0.0.
To New York, via Suez, Via Bremen or Southampton.....	\$125.0.0.	\$83.0.0.	\$49.0.0.

* In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa, or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland, the same rates to be applied as via Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from Singapore to Calcutta instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is however not included.

INTERUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT.

Passengers to Europe and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from Alexandria, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA LINE, VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH-WILHELMSHAFEN, HERBERTSHOF, MATUPI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	Tons.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ WALDEMAR.....	3227 tons	THURSDAY, 28th Feb., 1907.
PRINZ SIGISMUND.....	3902 tons	THURSDAY, 28th Mar., ..
MANILA.....		SATURDAY, 20th April, ..

ON THURSDAY, the 28th day of February, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ WALDEMAR, Captain W. von Senden, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, will leave this port as above.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Lines can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

TO	1st CLASS	2nd CLASS	3rd CLASS
To MANILA.....	\$50.—	\$30.—	\$20.—
To NEW GUINEA.....	\$28.—	\$18.10.	\$14.—
To BRISBANE.....	\$28.—	\$18.—	\$14.—
To SYDNEY.....	\$28.—	\$18.—	\$14.—
To MELBOURNE.....	\$28.10.	\$18.10.	\$14.—
To YOKOHAMA.....	\$50.00.	\$30.00.	\$20.00.
To KOBE.....	\$50.00.	\$30.00.	\$20.00.
To YOKOHAMA & back from KOBE to HONGKONG.....	\$110.00.	\$70.00.	\$40.00.

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG

TO	1st CLASS
To Europe via Australia and Colombo by Imperial.....	\$27.0.0.
To Europe via Australia and America.....	\$6.0.0.
To Europe via Australia to New York via Vancouver by the O. P. R. Co.'s steamers and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.....	

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	ABOUT
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.....	PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13.
Do.....	PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.

TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG,

via Vancouver or San Francisco to NEW YORK by the O. P. R. Co.'s steamers, P. M. S. Co., O. & O. S. S. Co., T. K. K. and from NEW YORK to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following rates:—

TO	1st CLASS
to London via Plymouth or Southampton.....	\$82.0.0.
to Bremen.....	\$83.10.0.
to Paris via Cherbourg.....	\$65.0.0.
to Naples, Genoa, via Gibraltar.....	\$0.0.0.

Passage money payable in local currency at current Bank Rate of Exchange on the day of payment.

For further Particulars, apply to Norddeutscher Lloyd.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship GLOUGOIRSHIRE will be despatched for the above ports on or at WEDNESDAY, the 20th February.

For Freight & Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1907. 120

THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, via PORTS.

THE Steamship DAKOTA.

will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 25th February, 1907.

For freight and further particulars, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 16, 1907. 108

Shipping.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, AUSTRALIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITER BAHRAIN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship TOURANE.

Captain LAFAYETTE, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 19th February, 1907, at 1 p.m.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports, and for Australia with prompt transshipment at Colombo.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. AUSTRALIAN.....	March 5, 1907.
S.S. TONKIN.....	March 19, 1907.
S.S. SIMON.....	April 2, 1907.
S.S. POLYMER.....	April 30, 1907.
S.S. YARA.....	May 14, 1907.
S.S. SALAZAR.....	May 14, 1907.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1907. 254

"OLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship GLENTURRET.

Captain R. WINTER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 27th February, 1907.

For Freight, apply to MCGREGOR BROS & GOW.

Hongkong, February 11, 1907. 285

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and sailing through the Torres Strait to AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship EASTERN.

Captain McARTHUR, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Surgeon and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1907. 185

AUSTRIAN LLOYDS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRADLEY, to PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LIVANA, VENICE and ADELPHI PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship AUSTRIA.

Captain BILLY, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 2nd March, p.m.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage & Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes' Building, Hongkong, January 31, 1907. 210

FOR STRAITS, OCEAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER, RANEA PORTS, P

Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS
FOR
MARSEILLES & LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due at LONDON (1 day later)
DEVANHA 8000	Feb. 23	BRITANNIA 7000	Saturday, 1907 Mar. 23	Saturday, 1907 Mar. 30
DELHI 8000	Mar. 9	MAMORA 10500	Apr. 6	Apr. 13
Macedonia 10500	Mar. 23	Through to MARSEILLES and Lon- don, via Bombay.	Apr. 29	Apr. 27
MALTA 6000	Apr. 6	MOZAMBIQUE 10000	May 4	May 11
ARADIA 7000	Apr. 20	HIMALAYA 7000	May 18	May 25
DELTA 8000	May 4	VICTORIA 7000	June 1	June 8
DEVANHA 6000	May 18	INDIA 8000	June 15	June 22

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR
LONDON,
CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due at LONDON
JAVA 4500	Feb. 13	April 1
MYANMA 7000	Feb. 27	April 15
MANILA 4500	Mar. 13	May 1
YUKON 4500	Mar. 27	May 15
JAPAN 4500	Apr. 10	May 27
SUMATRA 4500	Apr. 24	June 10
FORMOSA 4500	May 8	June 24
NOBE 4000	May 22	July 8
NUBIA 6000	June 5	July 22

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.
* Carries 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers. † Carries only First Saloon Passengers.
† Carries 1st Saloon Passengers only.
For further particulars, Apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

PASSENGER SERVICE.

By the new steamers *Ehrenania*, *Hamburg* and *Hohentauern*. These steamers offer to the public the highest comfort yet attained in ocean travelling. They are especially built for the tropics with very large well ventilated cabins, amidsip, lighted throughout by electricity, fans provided in each cabin. The berths are not arranged one above the other as it has been the fashion hitherto, but the staterooms closely resemble ordinary sleeping rooms on shore, the berths standing like beds at either side of the cabins. As a novelty, a number of cabins are provided for single passengers. These steamers call at Naples & Plymouth. In addition to the above steamers, the s.s. *Silesia* and *Scandia* carry first-class passengers. Return Tickets issued at reduced rates, through tickets issued to New York, via Naples, Southampton and Hamburg.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Outward.	Home-ward.
HABSBURG 3rd Mar.	for the Straits, Colombo, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Naples, Plymouth, Havre and Hamburg.
RHENANIA 1st Apr.	† SCANDIA 22nd Mar.
HOHENSTAUFEN 5th Apr.	HABSBURG 5th Apr.
SILESIA 31st May.	RHENANIA 17th May.
SCANDIA 30th June.	HOHENSTAUFEN 29th May.
	† Call at LONDON.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA
HOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
TREMONT	9508	T. W. Garlick	February 20, 1907.

* Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
COURINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.

The Twin-screw s.s. *Shawmut* and *Tremont* are fitted with very superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information Apply to
Dodwell & Co., Limited,
GENERAL AGENTS.

JOHN'S BUILDINGS.

Shipping.

PASSENGER SEASON
1907.PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

THROUGH STEAMER

FOR
MARSEILLES & LONDON,
VIA COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

THE S.S. 'MACEDONIA'

10500 TONS, CAPT. C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

Will be despatched at NOON on SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, and is due in Marseilles on the 20th April and London on the 27th April.

In addition to giving Passengers an opportunity of spending about 24 hours in BOMBAY this vessel will make a fast run to MARSEILLES and LONDON. The voyage from Hongkong to Marseilles should be completed in 28 days and to London in 35 days.

FARES TO MARSEILLES: £81 First and £42 Second Saloon, and to London £85 First and £44 Second Saloon.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 4, 1906.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For	STEAMERS	To Sail.
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 15, at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	KUMSANG	MONDAY, Feb. 18, at 3 P.M.

* These Steamers have superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin, (Via Ching Wan Tao) and Yangtze River.
‡ Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kadei, Lahad Datu, Singapore, Tawau, Uluatan, Jesselton and Labuan.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

The Co's s.s.	For	Leave
MASAN MARU, Capt. I. SAKURAI.	TAMUL, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	SUNDAY, 17th Feb., at Daylight.
FUKUSHU MARU, Capt. T. Ito.	ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	WEDNESDAY, 20th Feb., at Daylight.

* These Steamers have excellent Accommodation for First and Second-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Saloon Amidships. Unrivaled Table.
† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co's local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1 Queen's Buildings.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
FOR NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	To Sail
MUNCASTER CASTLE	March 12.
LOWTHER CASTLE	March 21.

For Freight and further information, Apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.
REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG & CALLAO
AND IQUIQUE, VIA JAPAN PORTS.

WILL BE SENT TO VALPARAISO
IF SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT.

Steamers	Tons	To Sail
GLENFARG	4000	Mar. 26, at Noon.
KASATO MARU	6100	April 26, at Noon.

Taking Freight and Passengers to other Eastern and Western Coast Ports of South America in connection with steamers of the Pacific S.N. Co.
The above steamers have splendid accommodation and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried on each boat.
K. MATSUDA, Manager.
Toyo Building,
Hongkong, February 9, 1907.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *DELHI*.
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godowns of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings Cargo—
From London, via Suez, Malabar, From Calcutta, via Suez, Malabar, From Penang, via Suez, Malabar, and B. & P.N. Co.'s steamers.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 12th February, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 9, 1907.

JOHN L'S JOKE ON FITZSIMMONS.

John L. Sullivan described the other day a joke that he once played on Bob Fitzsimmons.

"When Fitz," he said, "was interested in farming, I told him that my cousin had a lot of fine Dorking roosters, and I would send him one if he would care for it. Fitz said he would be delighted to add a Dorking rooster to his collection of chickens.

"So I got the Dorking, packed it in a basket, and then, for a joke, laid an egg beneath the bird on the soft straw.

"Fitz wrote to me the next day in great astonishment. He thanked me for the Dorking, which, though a rooster, undoubtedly, and a fine one, too, had yet laid an egg on its way to him. Could I explain this phenomenon? Had I ever heard of such a thing before?

"I wrote back to him and said: 'The Dorking rooster in laying an egg has certainly broken all records. What makes this happening still more remarkable is that, if you will examine the egg, you will find it to be a hard boiled one.'

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With Receipts.
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BRICK AND STONE BUNGALOW, at the PRINCE, called 'THE HAYSTACK,' with about 2 Acres of Ground attached. Built on Farm Lot Nos. 69 & 71. For Particulars, apply to
Care of ALEX. ROSS & CO.,
4, Des Voeux Road Central,
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Auctions.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
MONDAY,
the 18th day of February, 1907, at 3 P.M., at his Sale Rooms, No. 3, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.
The following—
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES situate at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, viz:—
1. All that piece of parcel of ground situate at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, containing an area of 10,000 square feet or thereabouts and registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 49. Together with all erections and buildings (if any) thereon. The said premises are held for the term of 75 years granted by a Crown Lease dated 23rd day of February, 1877. Subject to the payment of the Annual Crown Rent of \$22.95 and to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants and conditions in the said Crown Lease reserved and contained.
2. All that piece of parcel of ground situate at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, containing an area of 10,000 square feet or thereabouts and registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 50. Together with all erections and buildings (if any) thereon. The said premises are held for the term of 75 years granted by a Crown Lease dated the 23rd day of February, 1877. Subject to the payment of the Annual Crown Rent of \$22.95 and to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants and conditions in the said Crown Lease reserved and contained.
3. All that piece of parcel of ground situate at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, containing an area of 10,000 square feet or thereabouts and registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 51. Together with all erections and buildings (if any) thereon. The said premises are held for the term of 75 years granted by a Crown Lease dated the 23rd day of February, 1877. Subject to the payment of the Annual Crown Rent of \$22.95 and to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants and conditions in the said Crown Lease reserved and contained.
For further particulars and conditions of Sale, apply to
Messrs. JOHNSTON, STOKES & STEVENSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee,
5, Des Voeux Road Central,
or to
MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT,
The Auctioneer,
No. 3, Duddell Street,
Hongkong, February 8, 1907.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
(IN LIQUIDATION)
TIME TABLE.
WEEK DAYS.
7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.
SATURDAY.
Extra Cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.
SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 5, Des Voeux Road Central.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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